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Music Lakeside, Lake Fest set for this week

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Local residents have been waiting impatiently for Music Lakeside concerts to begin and they start today at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight's free concert is by King of Strings who brings Indie Rock.

This Thursday summer concert series is brought through the efforts of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the music.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's second-annual Lake Fest activities are scheduled to begin Friday at 6 p.m. with a Pub Crawl on the Fourth Street Square. Also, Friday, Lake Fest announces Van Buren Township's Movie in the Park at 8 p.m. in VBT's Van Buren Park on the South I-94 Service Drive.

On Saturday, Lake Fest events listed are:

- 9 a.m., Yoga in the Park, Horizon Park
- 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fowling Lanes at Horizon Park
- 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., DJ, Sounds of Summer
- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Art & Vendor Market, Kids' Inflatables & Kids' Activity Tent, Main Street & Fourth St. Place
- 11 a.m., Live Music – Sweet Willie Tea, Fourth Street Square stage
- Noon, Ski Club demonstration on Belleville Lake, view at Horizon Park
- 1 p.m., Live Music, Beauville, Fourth



Independent photo by James Otzman

A billboard to promote the Belleville Lake Fest this weekend is on the north side of I-94 between Rawsonville and Belleville roads. The billboard was paid for by Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and designed by City Councilman Steve Jones, who also is chairman of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Street Square stage

- 2 p.m., Donut Eating Contest, Horizon Park
- 3 p.m., Live Music, Serieux, Fourth Street Square stage
- 7 p.m., Live Music, Majic Bus, Fourth Street Square stage

• Dusk – Van Buren Township's fireworks at Beck Field in VBT. Rain night is Sunday.

On Sunday, events are:

- 9 a.m., Yoga in the Park, Horizon Park
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Art & Vendor Market, Kids' Inflatables & Kids' Activity Tent, Main Street & Fourth St. Place

• Noon – 3 p.m., Cornhole Tourney, Horizon Park

- Noon – 3 p.m., Live Music – Tropical Sounds, Horizon Park
- Noon – 3 p.m., Car Show, High Street
- 3 p.m. – Live Music – Derrick Rafferty, Fourth Street Square Stage

Belleville Area District Library to open on Sundays in September

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

When the Belleville Area District Library Board approved its 2022-23 budget at its June 14 regular meeting, it also approved being able to have the library open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. starting in September and going throughout the year.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said if all goes well with the library's upcoming millage, plans are under way to open on Sundays and earlier during the rest of the week.

She said she is looking at being able to open the library at 9 or 9:30 a.m. during the week, instead of 10 a.m., but first she has to make sure they have enough people to

cover the shifts. The employees have been included in the new budget.

She said there will be no programs on Sunday to start, "But, never say never."

Board member John Juriga they probably wouldn't let religious groups meet there on Sundays for church services and Director Suchy said there is no policy against that.

After a public hearing on the 2022-23 budget, the board approved the new budget and then approved the 2021-22 amended budget.

The 2022-23 budget has \$2,382,800 in revenues, \$2,276,400 in expenditures and a fund balance of \$2,948,919 at the end of June 2023.

The board also approved the fund balance allocation of \$1,040,000 from the old budget to the new budget as required by GASB 54.

In other business at the regular one-hour-and-14-minute June 14 meeting the board:

- Approved a short-term disability plan to bridge the gap for employees between the regular sick leave and long-term disability coverage. Suchy said the price is \$226 per month total for the 11 full-time employees on staff and the budget doesn't need to be changed. "This board is concerned with properly supporting our employees," said board chairperson Sharon Peters;

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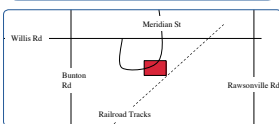
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

Suspect in two VBT murders bound over to circuit court on June 29

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Lionel Lamont Vincent, 48, of Pontiac, held his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on June 15 and was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for his arraignment on the information on June 29.

Vincent was brought from Ionia by Michigan Department of Corrections to face two homicide charges for allegedly killing a mother and daughter in Van Buren Township on July 25, 2021. Bond was denied in the murders.

He is being held on pending charges of violation of probation on a previous charge.

Vincent is accused of murdering Yachanda Snipes, 45, and her daughter Dacara Leatherberry, 14, in their home in the 46000 block of Lake Villa Drive within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex late July 25, 2021. The two reportedly died of multiple injuries.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said Vincent was the suspect from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met. Det. Long said the state held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police investigation. He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Vincent was paroled Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and rape, using a weapon to commit a felony and various other weapons charges, in Oakland County. He was convicted in a jury trial.

Raymond Anthony Jackson, Jr.

Raymond Anthony Jackson, Jr., 32, of Southfield is charged with kidnapping and aggravated indecent exposure on May 14 in the Metro Airport parking structure with a bond of \$10,000/10%. He also is charged with assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and two counts of criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree (during felony) May 17, also at the airport parking structure. His bond on this was set at \$150,000 cash or surety. He appeared by zoom for his probable cause conference before Judge Martin on June 15. His live preliminary exam on both cases is scheduled for July 27.

At the June 15 court session, defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt said his client has been in custody since June 2. He has an associate's and bachelor's degree and a full-time job in Romulus. He asked for his client to be released with a GPS tether.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor

Carley Kocks objected to a reduction in the bond. She said he is a danger to society and is targeting women at an airport. He is a danger to women and his bond should actually be increased, she said.

Devin Michael Beach

On June 15, Devin Michael Beach, 25, of Sumpter Township was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on June 22. His live preliminary exam was before Judge Lisa Martin.

He is charged with fleeing a police officer in a vehicle-4th degree and drove while license was suspended on Aug. 14, 2021 in Sumpter Township.

Beach previously was arraigned and bound over on three other cases involving assaulting a police officer, fleeing in a vehicle from a police officer, and driving off in a pizza delivery truck and is awaiting final conferences on July 6 on those three.

Willis Lavell Cherry

Willis Lavell Cherry, 49, of Ypsilanti was charged with armed robbery on Jan. 12, 2020 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 6 and then it was set for Oct. 20. On Oct. 20, his live preliminary exam was set for Dec. 1. The exam was held and the armed robbery charge dismissed by Judge Green. He was bound over on an added charge of assault and was scheduled for his arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Dec. 15. This was delayed until Dec. 20 and then again to Jan. 6. A final conference was set for Feb. 23 and then reset by the court for April 14. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond and is not to contact the victim.

Andrea Lashawn Ward-Patrick

Andrea Lashawn Ward-Patrick, 33, of Canton Township, had her preliminary exam set for Jan. 5 on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle on Sept. 21 in the City of Belleville. She was free on \$5,000 personal bond and could have no contact with the victim. Her probable cause conference was held Oct. 6 before Judge Oakley.

Her attorney Andrew Sullivan told Judge Oakley on Jan. 5 that his client was in the hospital with emergency surgery planned on her fractured foot. The preliminary exam was adjourned until March 23, when the exam was held and she was bound over to circuit court. An arraignment on the information was set for April 6 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. Then a calendar conference was set for May 18 and pretrial for June 1, reset to June 28.

Christopher Nathan Eugene Collins

Christopher Nathan Eugene Collins, 19, of Van Buren Township had his preliminary exam set for Oct. 25 on a charge of aggravated stalking on June 1, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

His new defense attorney Cameron Bell asked Judge Oakley to remove his

client's GPS tether. He said Collins had not violated his bond restriction of no contact with the complaining party and no return to an address on Belleville Road. He said the tether caused Collins to miss work because the alarm went off and the county had to come and rectify the device.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier said she objected to removing the tether because the charge is aggravated stalking and he had violated a personal protection order because he can't stay away.

Judge Oakley left the \$3,000/10% bond as is, with the tether in place along with the no-contact order and the order not return to Leo's Coney Island.

On Oct. 25, after a preliminary exam, Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. This case is pending in 3rd Circuit Court.

Collins also had remote pretrials scheduled for Nov. 4 on two misdemeanors. One was malicious use of a phone on May 9, 2021 and disorderly person on May 27, 2021 both in Van Buren Township. The final pretrials were set for Dec. 2. On Dec. 2 the final remote pretrials were set for Jan. 20 and then reset for March 3 and then to April 7. He is scheduled for a remote pretrial on June 16.

Corey Eugene-Ross Thomas

Corey Eugene-Ross Thomas, 41, of Ypsilanti was present for his Oct. 13 probable cause conference by zoom from the Macomb County Jail. He said he had been in custody for a month and had 20 more days to serve. Judge Oakley gave him credit for time-served on a 2016 disorderly person charge that was pending at 34th District Court.

Thomas waived his preliminary exam on a charge of operating while intoxicated—3rd offense on Aug. 21 in the City of Belleville and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 27 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 12 and a final conference for Jan. 10 extended to Feb. 3. At that time a guilty plea was accepted and sentencing set for Feb. 18. Thomas was sentenced to 20 months to five years in state prison and total fees of \$1,898.

Lionel Jamar Sullivan

Lionel Jamar Sullivan, 34, of Van Buren Township was arraigned Oct. 12 on charges of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence in Sumpter Township on Oct. 9. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 20 and then adjourned to Oct. 27. The preliminary exam was set for Nov. 23. He posted bond of \$10,000/10% and ordered to have no contact with the complaining witness.

On Nov. 23, Judge Green dismissed the charges as requested in a defense motion. Case is closed.

Scotty Len Ostrowski

Scotty Len Ostrowski, 46, of Sumpter

Township was arraigned Oct. 12 on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on Oct. 10 in the City of Belleville. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 20. He posted bond of \$5,000/10%.

Since he was in custody in Belleville, he also was arraigned on two bench warrants for offenses on May 15, 2017 in Sumpter Township.

He was scheduled for a Nov. 23 remote pre-trial on charges of driving while license suspended and operating while intoxicated on May 15, 2017. He pled guilty to driving while license suspended and the other charge was dropped.

On Oct. 20, his attorney James Parker said he needs to apply to the gun board, a time-consuming procedure, so Judge Green adjourned the CCW case until March 9.

On March 9, a new defense attorney asked for discovery and the case was adjourned until March 23. A probable cause conference was set for April 6. It was held and the preliminary exam waived. Ostrowski was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on April 20. The calendar conference was set for May 9 and then reset by the court until June 3. A final conference is scheduled for July 1.

Jill Marie Peters

Jill Marie Peters, 42, of Ypsilanti failed to appear for her preliminary exam on Nov. 17 on charges of possession of methamphetamine and narcotics on March 14, 2021 in Van Buren Township and a warrant has been issued for her arrest.

Timothy Staniszewski

Timothy Staniszewski, 54, of Trenton failed to appear for his arraignment and probable cause conference Nov. 17 on two felony charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd and one charge of driving while license suspended-2nd on Oct. 1 in Van Buren Township. A notice that had been mailed to him from the court had been returned by the post office as undeliverable. On Feb. 4 a warrant was put out for his arrest.

Harold Adu-Warren Watkins, Jr.

Harold Adu-Warren Watkins, Jr., 47, of Ypsilanti, failed to appear for his arraignment and probable cause conference on Nov. 17 on charges of retail fraud and fleeing police in a vehicle on July 26, 2020 in Van Buren Township. A warrant for his arrest was entered into LEIN.

Fred Davis, Jr.

Fred Davis, Jr., 54, of Ypsilanti, failed to appear for his arraignment and probable cause conference on Nov. 17 on charges of retail fraud and assaulting a police officer on July 26, 2020 in Van Buren Township. A warrant for his arrest was entered into LEIN.

Marcel Sherard Austin

Marcel Sherard Austin, 46, of Van Buren Township waived his preliminary exam

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Don't miss the cops' Donut Eating Contest Saturday

There are a lot of activities this week end in Belleville for Lake Fest, but one of the most entertaining is sure to be the Donut Eating Contest at 2 p.m. Saturday in Horizon Park.

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said police officers from the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships will compete for top honors.

Chief Robinson said he's got a certain officer who is never full and eats a lot and doesn't gain weight. He called that officer his "ringer."

Although it seems like a lot of fun, Chief Robinson said, "I just don't want any puking cops."

Therese Antonelli said a trophy has been ordered to present to the winner.

Another special event is a memorial car show on Sunday on High Street to honor the late Bob Castino. It starts at noon and reportedly many people are taking their cars out of storage to honor his memory.

Then there's the water ski show, art and vendors on Main, fun for the kids, and lots of live music, food, and drink. And, Van Buren Township is having an outdoor movie at Van Buren Park on Friday and fireworks from Beck Field on Saturday.

Everyone will miss the Dragon Boat races that didn't quite work out this year. But there is a lot to do. It is expected to be a hot week end, so wear your sunscreen.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

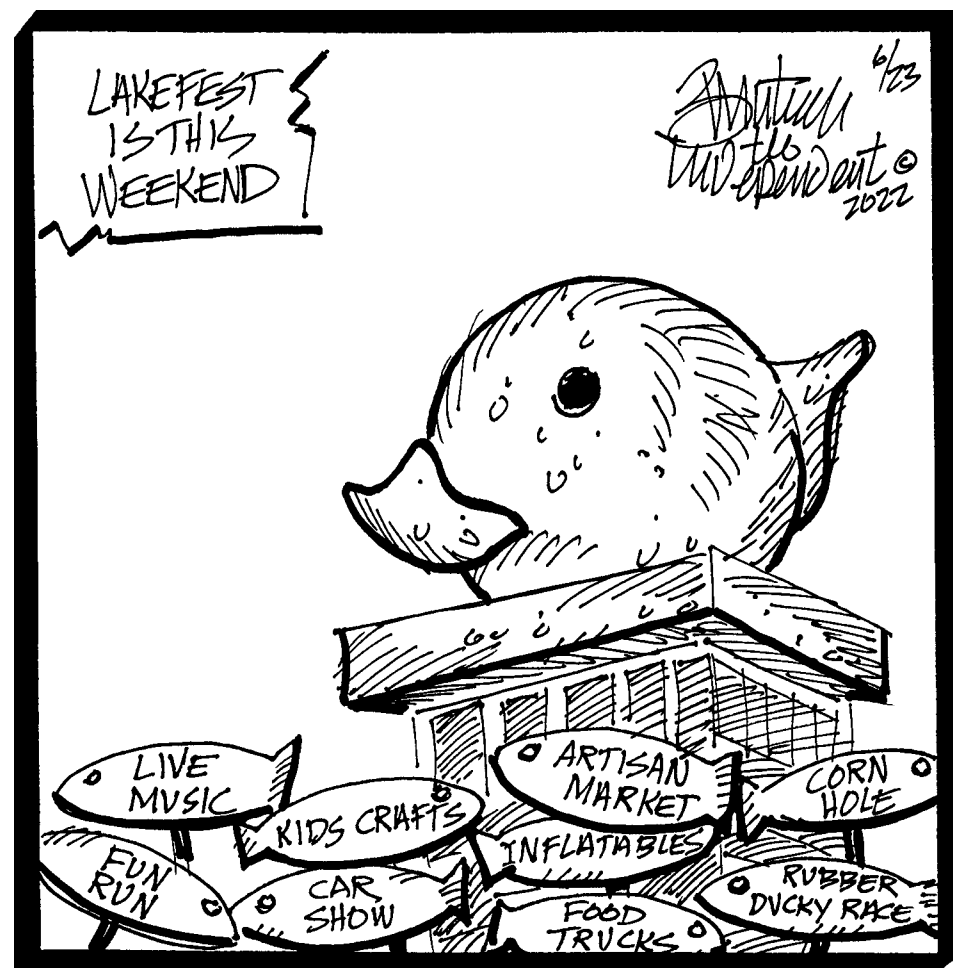
...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The benefit party at the Belleville Yacht Club on June 10 reportedly was a sell-out and earned \$55,000 for Harper Mathis to seek treatment in New York City for her brain tumor that has returned. The New York City Police Department is providing free parking for the family car while they are in the city working on a cure. Those present at the party were very happy to see Harper dancing and enjoying herself with her friends.

On its Facebook page, the Sumpter Township Fire Department gave special thanks to fire fighter Tim Armstrong for his "tireless work and painting skills." The posting said they've been sprucing up the fire hall over the past few months and a fresh coat of red paint on the doors, trim, and lettering was the last step. "Well maybe. We'll see," the posting stated.

Linda Luke got a postcard in the mail inviting her to the Next-Home real estate "Luke Day Community Open House" on June 15. They are located at 243 Main St. in downtown Belleville. The card said the company's mascot was Luke and June 15 is their "loveable Frenchie's" birthday and they call that day Luke Day.

Linda is very active in the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, so she asked to see their dog Luke and learned the dog is made up. She showed them her name tag from FMAR and they gave her gifts to give out at FMAR's upcoming golf outing and also gave a donation to FMAR. She said they were so friendly and offered snacks and drinks, games for kids, frisbees, sunglasses, free grooming for dogs, and



other things.

Linda said she called Sumpter Police Chief/Public Safety Director Eric Luke and told him he should get over to Luke Day, as well. She said when she was leaving, he had just arrived.

Linda said FMAR really needs volunteers these days and also needs some more board members. Just call 734-461-9458 if you can help. FMAR is a no-kill shelter for dogs and cats. Linda said FMAR recently has gotten a lot of stray dogs that Sumpter PD has brought in, and it's the season for the cats to pour in, as well, so they could use some loving families to adopt those pets.

At the June 14 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke announced the monthly totals of vehicle "mashups." Again in May, the corner of Judd and Rawsonville Road was the highest in the township with nine crashes. The intersections of Rawsonville and Willow and Sumpter and Willis had four each. Director Luke said you wouldn't think that the Judd/Rawsonville intersection would be the highest again, but it is. Judd is a gravel road at that point.

This town just loves car shows. Steve Cinnamon's 21st annual Father's Day car show at Victory Park on Sunday was hugely successful, again. Those attending filled all the parking spaces around the

park, with some being very clever in finding small niches to tuck their vehicles into. The parking lot at the Secretary of Street down the street was quite full and some parked at city hall and walked over. Looked like everyone was having a great time. Then, on Monday there was another highly successful car show on Main Street.

We've got yet another car show this Sunday on High Street and still another on Monday on Main between Third and Fifth streets.

Mary Sherwood left us on June 14 and she will be missed. She attended Sumpter Township meetings for many years and during that time I sat next to her for many of the meetings. She currently also served on the planning commission.

At the June 14 Sumpter Township board meeting, after her death was announced, township attorney Rob Young referred to her as a "classy lady," and that she was.

Her husband had been appointed township supervisor when the supervisor was recalled, one of Sumpter's many recalls. Her husband was a Republican and I often referred to Mary as the Republican First Lady of Sumpter. I hadn't known another Republican First Lady until Tim Bowman was elected last fall. Now we have Liz as First Lady.



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Letters

Canton Community Band to perform here

To the editor:

Adding to Belleville's great summer music entertainment, Canton Community Band has been invited to perform at 7 p.m., Friday, July 8, 2022. Performance will take place at the First United Methodist church, 417 Charles St. Free Admission.

The band has approximately 50 talented musicians, eager to entertain all ages, with music selections that will include: Espionage and Intrigue, Rock from the '60s and '70s, Broadway and Traditional, and The Soulful '60s.

So, mark your calendars for this special day of relaxation and enjoyment, while welcoming the Canton Community Band into our city.

Jack Keelan

Music performer and V.P. of Canton Community Band

It'd be great to have a Purple Heart City

To the editor:

Recently my husband and I drove up to Holly, MI, to visit family at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. On the way back we noticed a sign that said Holly is a "Purple Heart Village." We looked up the meaning and it says: "Becoming a 'Purple Heart City' is an honor and title given by the Military Order of the Purple Heart veterans' organization for those entities that want to honor, respect, thank and remember Purple Heart awardees. It is entered into the Purple Heart Trail website and it is forever seen by the nation.

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"To be declared a 'Purple Heart City,' a mayor and/or city council must deliver an official proclamation which is then presented to the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)."

With so many veterans in our area, we think it would be wonderful if one of the local communities became a Purple Heart City.

Chris and Christina Warren
Van Buren Township

VBT should be open Monday through Friday

To the editor:

I'm writing about the new four-day work week that the Township Trustees voted on for Van Buren Township hall employees. I find it quite convenient that they chose to be open Monday - Thursday. Most federal holidays are observed on Mondays. That

gives the VBT Hall employees a three-day work week with holiday pay several times each year. By my calculations there are at least four federal holidays observed on Mondays. That's four weeks when VBT hall will only be open three days! Plus, now all lunch breaks are paid. Does that mean that VBT hall employees are really only working 38 hours instead of 40?

I understand the desire for a long weekend and to spend more time with family. However, if they really felt the need for a four-day work week, they should have chosen to be open Tuesday - Friday. That way they can still be open 40 hours most weeks. It would also be nice with the longer daily hours, if they could stay open late one evening per week to allow residents that work 9-5 access to Township services.

Ultimately, I think the township hall should still be open Monday - Friday.

Kelly Walker

Van Buren Township resident

VBT residents cut from their computer service

June 15, 2022

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Honorable Senator Stabenow:

I recently sent you a copy of the letter that I mailed to the CEO of AT&T, just days ago, wherein I explained how my home DSL line had experienced a service outage and the company has done nothing to remedy our loss of internet service. It's been ten days now, but after many hours of "holding on calls" for maintenance department procedures and after repair tickets being remotely closed out as "completed" we've discovered that there are others in our community facing similar difficulties.

Obviously, our DSL Line is outdated technology and even though the company hasn't any plans for U-verse build out in our small area there's no other option than the DSL-Digital Pair Gain System that has provided us computer connection for well over two decades now.

After making inquiries from contacts I still have at AT&T I've learned that the electronic cards in the AT&T Central Offices, used to transmit the data signal to the field SLIC Facilities (small C.O. buildings in the neighborhoods) are no longer commonly available. All of these old electronic cards have supposedly been returned to the manufacturers and considered as obsolete materials.

AT&T employees (in most cases) have unintentionally continued to lie to their customers simply because the real cause of our service outage is a lack of replacement circuit cards in the local Central office. It seems that the system is now in a critical state since no one can provide a solution that would expedite our return to normal service.

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Obituaries



Robert Edward
Pawlowski

ROBERT EDWARD PAWLOWSKI

(June 22, 1942 – February 9, 2022)

Bob Pawlowski, age 79, of Milan, MI, passed away on February 9, 2022, in Elmhurst, IL. Bob was born in Belleville, MI, the son of Edward and Agnus (Ostrowski) Pawlowski. Bob had two full siblings, Geraldine and Patty, and four half siblings, Ed Korgal, Virginia Krakowiak, Eleanor Rejman, and Frank Korgal. Bob was a proud member of the 1960 class of Belleville High School. After high school, Bob became an electrician while serving in the United States Air Force, until his honorable discharge in July of 1965. On March 15, 1975, Bob married Susan Ruth Buck, of Belleville, MI. Bob and Susan had two children, Russell of Austin, TX, and Robert "Bo" of Elmhurst, IL. Bob loved and took care of Susan until her passing in October of 2020. Bob proudly worked as an electrician for Ford Motor Company and the University of Michigan for years. Bob loved his family, the University of Michigan Football team, and the great outdoors. Not only was Bob a deer hunting enthusiast, but also loved skiing in the Alps and bear hunting in Alaska. Bob Pawlowski is survived by his sons, Russell with wife Stephanie, and Robert "Bo" Pawlowski, with wife Dana, son RJ, and future son due in September 2022. There were no services for Bob Pawlowski. Bob's ashes will be spread at his favorite deer hunting spot.

More Letters

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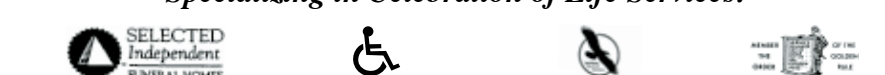
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Obituaries



Mary Arlene Sherwood

MARY ARLENE SHERWOOD

(April 1, 1932 – June 14, 2022)

Mary Arlene Sherwood, age 90, of Sumpter Township, MI passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born April 1, 1932 in Frankfort, KY, daughter of Avery Norman and Carrie Elizabeth (Foster) Flannery. She worked in the offices at Montgomery Ward and JCPenney for several years. She was a member of the Lincoln Senior Center and the Sumpter Senior Center. She was very active in the Sumpter Community. She enjoyed crocheting, flower gardening, talking, and sharing stories. She loved traveling and lived her best life, hosting countless family get-togethers. She will be missed. Mrs. Sherwood is survived by her son George Thomas "Tom" Sherwood, Jr. of Belleville, MI; 6 grandchildren: Christopher (Bobbie) Sherwood of Romulus, MI, Martha (Rob) Degenhardt of Belleville, MI, Mary (Jeff) Powers of Wayne, MI, Katie (Todd) Deleka of Belleville, MI, Kyle Mehlhoff of Ypsilanti, MI, and Kelsey (Justin) Siggins of Ortonville, MI; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson Silas Parks, and two on-the-way; a sister Rose (Richard) Meyers of Ypsilanti, MI; two brothers: Doug (Sandra) Flannery of Belton, SC, and Tim Flannery of Belleville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband George T. Sherwood, Sr., son David Sherwood, also four siblings: Eleanor Thomas, Barbara Johnson, Kenny and Larry Flannery. Visitation was 12-8 PM Monday and 10-11 AM Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with an 11 AM funeral. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sumpter or Lincoln Senior Center and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Annette Christian Brigman

ANNETTE CHRISTIAN BRIGMAN

(April 2, 1945 – June 9, 2022)

Annette Christian Brigman was born on April 2, 1945 to Samuel and Pearl Virginia Smith Harris in Pineville, Kentucky. She was the oldest of 11 children. Annette went home to be with the Lord, June 9, 2022 at the age of 77.

She is survived by: sons Michael (Pam) Christian of Tecumseh, MI and Robbie (Rachel) Christian of New Boston, MI; her son-in-law Wimpy Ary of Carleton, MI; and grandchildren, Stephen (Andrea) Christian, Brett and Garrett Ary and Josie Grace. Her siblings: Linda (Charles) Gaines of Mt. Carmel, TN, Bonnie Christian of Kingsport, TN, Monte (Brenda) Harris of Middlesboro, KY, Jeff (Lisa) Harris of Middlesboro, KY, Darlene Harris of Kingsport, TN, Ginny (David) Ross of El Reno, OK, Nora Ross of Kingsport, TN, Kay (Jim) Crofford of Tuttle, OK and Lois Willis of Kingsport, TN and Jen Christian of Indiana, and several nieces and nephews.

Annette was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Samuel Harris, her husband Bill (Wiley) Christian in 1996, her husband Cliff Brigman in 2016, her daughter, JoAnn Ary in 2017 and brother-in-law Hank Willis in 2020.

Donations may be made to Stony Creek Freewill Baptist Church, 8735 Stony Creek Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 of which she was a member for over 50 years. Her Pastor, Wayne Jacobs says she was such a faithful lady and dedicated to serving her Lord wherever she was needed. She loved her studies of the scripture and tried to share what she learned with everyone she met. She also loved gardening and cooking southern style meals for her family and friends! She will be greatly missed.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Funeral services were held at Grace Baptist Church of Belleville, MI with Pastor Robert White assisting Pastor Jacobs and the family to accommodate the number of people attending and a meal was provided by the two churches.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MICHAEL LEE PAUL

(July 28, 1984 – June 10, 2022)

Age 37, of Belleville, died suddenly June 10 in Canton. BHS class of 2003. Survived by soulmate Tiffany Denny, sons Michael and Mark, mother Sandra Paul, brother Mark, sister Tabatha, grandparents. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, June 23 – Special meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., to consider the \$227,097.94 certificate of deposit that matures June 26, and action on the MERS plans. Also, special meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., to consider proposed application for 4.878-acre pond development at 51150 Arkona and large, grid-tied solar array at NW corner of Haggerty/Wear.
- Monday, June 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, June 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.

District Library

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• Heard Joy Cichewicz report on the building committee, which discussed again the water that stands outside the meeting room door after a big rain. They talked of creating saw cuts in the cement, but the builder said saw cuts wouldn't work and it would destroy the beautiful concrete. He said they could remove some concrete and install a drain, but that is costly. He said five seconds of sweeping the water out would do the same thing. He called it "intensive maintenance." The problem is not so much the water in the summer, but it's icy water in the winter. Or, that door could not be used in the winter. They will consider the issue further;

• Heard Cichewicz say that one of the lights that points up at the flag is cracked and they don't make that light any more. They might replace that with something similar. Also, the humidification program is in place, but they need cold weather to really know if the humidification works. Also, the building project had been extended because of COVID so they are considering whether the architect and others need to extend their insurance. Mary Jane Dawson said they also discussed the repair of the radiant flooring where parts are too hot, but they can't test it when it's too hot outdoors;

• Was presented with a copy of the information that was approved by the attorney to be suitable to send out to alert voters to the millage proposed to be restored on the Aug. 2 ballot. The millage is 46% of the total operating budget;

• Heard Cichewicz, who is a library director in Ypsilanti, ask if people are coming in to take pictures and videos of the library staff because that is happening in some libraries and the staff over-reacts and throws them out and then the library is cast as an unfriendly place. Suchy said people can come in and take pictures of the staff, but not private citizens using the library without their permission;

• Heard Cichewicz say people go to church, to lunch and then to the library on a Sunday. She predicted Sunday hours will be used hugely, especially during the school year;

• Heard Dawson say \$55,000 was raised

at the Belleville Yacht Club on June 10 at the benefit party to gather funds for the Mathis family so they can seek alternative treatment elsewhere for Harper's brain tumor. She said it was good to see Harper dancing and having a fun time with her friends. She said courtesy of the New York City Police Department there will be a place for Justin to park the family vehicle during their time in New York;

• Heard John Juriga say the library does not advertise itself as a cooling station, but it should. People are welcome to come into the air-conditioned building and can sit down and read the newspapers or books and stay cool;

• Heard board president Sharon Peters say she had something for "show and tell." She said part of the previous week she was in New Haven, Conn., with her granddaughter. She said her son works for the Audubon Society and there was an event called "Pollinator Gardens" at the New Haven Free Public Library and Peters attended with her granddaughter. There was a presentation on their seed library, which is being considered for the Belleville library. Peters said she told them of the library here that has living roofs, beekeeping on the roof, bioswale, and an annual plant swap.

"They had never heard of Belleville, but now they have," she said;

• Heard Director Suchy announce the Library Network has added \$121,000 worth of new ebooks and audiobooks to the Belleville library's Download Destination collection, thanks to a MI-83 grant administered by the Lakeland Library Cooperative and the Michigan Library Connection is funded by an ARPA grant, provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan, an agency of the Michigan Department of Education. This is at no cost to the Belleville library; and

• Heard Suchy also announce that the

COVID community levels continue high in Wayne County and two more staff members tested positive for COVID in the past few weeks.

Birthdays

June 23 – Kelsey O'Bryan

June 24 – Maxine Smolinski

June 25 – Jeffrey Smolinski, Barbara Fairman

June 27 – Jen Bowers, Tim Craiger, Jenny Hall, Jeff Schonscheck

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Sumpter, Augusta FDs put out 14 blazing cars at auto auction lot

At 2:35 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, Sumpter Township Fire Department was dispatched to Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Rd., on reports of a fire near the rear of the building.

Fire Chief Rick Brown said upon arrival, as many as 14 vehicles were fully involved. With the assistance of Augusta Township Fire Department, for its water tanker and six personnel, and the staff at Insurance Auto Auction, with its heavy equipment to create a fire break, fire fighters managed to extinguish the fire in approximately three hours with no injuries to anyone involved.

Chief Brown said this is the second fire at the Auto Auction within six months.

The earlier one was on Jan. 9 and it took four hours to extinguish the fire with 25 vehicles lost.

He said a surveillance video of the car lot on June 15 shows one vehicle's electrical system shorting out at 2:06 a.m. and then the fire traveling to other vehicles since they are parked so close together.

He said his crew of seven responded to the blaze within seven to eight minutes.

COVID-19 deaths inch up to 133 for 48111 residents as of Monday

The Wayne County Health Department announced the percentage of people in each municipality who have positive tests for COVID-19 as of June 20. The deaths on June 20 inched up to 133 for 48111, up from 132 on June 13.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 rose to 9,841 on Monday, June 20, up from 9,796 on Monday, June 13.

On Monday, June 20, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,785 positive cases in a total population of 46,609, making 14.6%, with 88 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,095 positive cases in a total population of 3,898, making 27.5%, with 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,961 positive cases in a population of 13,354, making 14.7%, with 31 deaths.



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- **Thursday, June 23** – It's the kickoff free concert for Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville. At 7 p.m. King of Strings will bring Indie Rock.
- **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 23, 24, 25, 26** – Village of Waltz (in Wayne County's Huron Township) celebrates its 150th anniversary with a carnival midway, festival parade, classic car and vintage tractor show, food, craft and general vendors, beer tent, local bands, entertainment, etc. Facebook @ WaltzImprovementAssoc . Or, website: <https://www.waltzimprovementassoc.com>
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 24, 25, 26** – Lake Fest in downtown Belleville and on Belleville Lake. Friday: 0.1K Fund Run. Saturday and Sunday: Live music, Kids Zone, Artisan Market. All weekend: food trucks. Dragon Boats have been canceled.
- **Saturday, June 25** – Van Buren Township fireworks show at Beck Ball Park at dusk, with rain date of Sunday, June 26.
- **Monday, June 27** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.
- **Thursday, June 30** – Free concert at 7 p.m. for Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville. Playing is Tequila Mockingbirds with contemporary hits.
- **Saturday, July 2** – Watch the fireworks from the middle of Belleville Lake in front of the Belleville Yacht Club. Rain date is Sunday, July 3.
- **Sunday, July 3** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, July 7** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with the Dave Hamilton



Richard Smith of Belleville reports that over the past few weeks a new squirrel has been passing through his back yard along Belleville Lake – with a white tail. He said the eyes are not pink, so it is not an albino. Smith said he checked and found this is not a new species and the white tail is caused by a recessive gene that is passed from the mother squirrel. Smith said there was a second squirrel that looked like this one, but it was killed by a hit-and-run driver on East Huron River Drive.

Band bringing rock and soul.

- **Friday, July 8** – Canton Community Band performs a free concert at 7 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The band has about 50 members, including local musicians.
- **Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9** – Elvis Festival, 4 p.m.–midnight on Friday and 11 a.m.–midnight on Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road

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- **Wednesday, July 13** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. "Toppermost" Beatles' tribute begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

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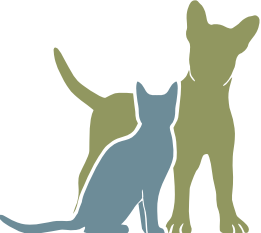


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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's ribbon-cutting ceremony for Beltone Hearing's new location at 35 Main St. in Belleville was held June 15. From left in front, are Whitney Beaubien; Beltone Patient Coordinator Shari Strauss; Beltone Hearing Care Practitioner Vickey Harvey; Beltone President Terry Burnett; Therese Antonelli; Deputy City Manager Tim McLean; and Colette McClinton. In back, from left, are Darcy Beagan, Carrie Castino, Scott Jones, Randy Brown, Steve Jones, Dinara Strikis.

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City Manager reports surprise gas line is holding up demolition

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The construction process in 1940 was different than today's process, Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said to the city council on Monday, beginning his explanation of why the Huron River Market demolition is not yet complete.

He said the demolition crew found a two-inch unmeted, capped, gas line in the wall, and they are afraid to just pull it out in case it is attached to the eight-inch line across the street in Victory Park.

Chief Robinson said they were seeking the proper vendor to find the cut off before continuing with the demolition.

When Councilwoman Kelly Bates suggested they put a "Welcome to Belleville" mural on the exposed wall of

the police department, like the mural in Sumpter, Chief Robinson said the plan is to brick that wall that had been attached to the partially destroyed market.

In other business in Monday's 36-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved using the city parking lot next to Johnny's on the Lake for spillover vehicles from the Bob Castino Memorial Car Show on Sunday on High Street. Therese Antonelli said she talked with Johnny's and they will be selling outside and not need the lot. She said Johnny's only owns the handicapped parking spaces next to its building and the rest of the lot is owned by the city;

- Approved budget amendments for the 2021-22 budget year as recommended by Kelly Howey of Plante Moran;

- Approved Sept. 10 and 11 as this year's

dates for the citywide yard sale;

- Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates complain about the trees that need to be cut down in the city, including one behind city hall and several in her subdivision of Victoria Commons. Chief Robinson said Rick Rutherford of the DPW has a list made up by priority of which trees need to come down first. He said it is difficult to get contractors to jump to cut down trees. Councilwoman Bates asked for the council to have that list;

- Heard a resident who said he lives next to Doane's Landing say that their split-rail fence was taken down by the city during work on the park and he would like to know when they will get it put back up. He said the no fishing signs at the park were taken down and need to be put back up unless the city has changed its mind about allowing fishing at the park. He said those fishing in the park have been fishing behind their houses, as well. He said the residents are very polite and give them 15 minutes to finish fishing and then they should leave and most do without a problem. He said, however, one fell asleep and they had to ask his friends to wake him up to leave. The resident said those fishing leave trash and his wife has been picking up after them;

- Heard Robinson say he would like to set a closed session with the new attorney who specializes in marijuana issues. He said

Aug. 2 is the date for any valid petitions to come forward for the November election and he'd like to meet soon. He said he is impressed with the attorney's work. He said it took 15 minutes for her to explain what he studied for a year and a half to understand. He said they are prepping for a potential ballot amendment from the current license holder seeking a medical marijuana license;

- Heard Antonelli ask how to get a traffic study done for the area around the new shopping center at the bridge to get a left-turn signal at the light. She said she knew the city wanted to wait until the shopping center is occupied, but more and more businesses are opening there. Robinson said he is "burning equity" with an individual he knows at Wayne County. Robinson said the person told him how to make this study happen. It would also deal with the right-turn-only signs that will be required for safety;

- Heard Antonelli ask what company the city hires to sweep the street and she was told the city DPW sweeps. She said there is a lot of debris on North Liberty Street. Robinson said there are regular sweeps and he would like to set up a Public Service Day where people would not park on the streets so they can be cleaned. "Let me get through the marijuana thing first," he said of the new project. The North Liberty Street resident asked when they will restripe the lanes on North Liberty at Main and Robinson said they want to resurface that whole intersection and then paint the lines. But that would be after the big equipment is done at the shopping center, otherwise they would ruin what the city does;

- Heard Bates say she wanted someone to come to the council meeting to speak to them on PCBs and the health of Belleville Lake. Robinson pointed out Rutherford had sent a packet of information to council members on this subject and Bates said she'd like someone in person to discuss it with them;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger say he hopes to start the fire department's new duty crew the first week of July and plans to have two crew members each day and 45

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Sumpter decides to sell its properties through Moving the Mitten

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to sell eight properties it owns through Moving the Mitten real estate firm in Belleville. Trustee Peggy Morgan voted no.

At its regular meeting June 14, the unfinished business item on the agenda to sell the properties through Braun & Helmer Auction Service was removed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tim Bowman made the motion to go with Moving the Mitten who he said of the three realtors he contacted did the most background work. All three agreed to 5% commission and the commission will be paid by the buyer.

Trustee Matt Oddy suggested a \$3,000

escrow paid with each offer. He also suggested Supervisor Bowman publicly give the listing prices for the properties, which he did:

- Sumpter Rd., 9.32 acres, in commercial district, \$75,000, parcel ID 81-016-99-0014-715;
- Wear Rd., 9.75 acres, \$100,000, parcel ID 81-080-99-0016-000;
- Martinsville Rd., 68.38 acres, \$275,000; parcel ID 81-102-99-0006-000;
- Willow Rd., 3.56 acres, \$60,000, parcel ID 81-114-99-0014-010;
- Willow Rd., 3.54 acres, \$30,000, parcel ID 81-114-99-0014-011;
- Willow Rd., 1.52 acres, \$32,000, parcel ID 81-114-99-0014-712;
- Rawsonville Rd., 67.95 acres, \$500,000,

parcel ID 81-122-99-0007-701;

- Martinsville Rd., 14.62 acres, \$100,000, parcel ID 81-136-99-0012-000.

In other business at the June 14 meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Mary Sherwood, who was a member of the planning commission, and faithfully attended board meetings for many years;
- Approved hiring Allison Reed as a paid-on-call fire fighter, contingent on her passing a physical and drug test;
- Approved moving the starting pay for the statutory employee positions of deputy treasurer and deputy clerk, which is currently \$25 per hour, to be \$3 per hour above the 90-day union office clerk pay rate, which is currently \$23.41 and adjust the hourly pay of the current deputy treasurer to \$26.41 effective June 15. The motion carried 4-3, with nay votes from Trustees Don LaPorte and Peggy Morgan and Treasurer Vincent Warren, who thought the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer should be paid the same. During pandemic, the deputy clerk was given a raise to \$27 an hour by board action and Clerk Esther Hurst said she didn't think he should get a cut in pay;
- Approved an updated investment policy;
- Tabled the recommendation of Finance Director Scott Holtz to use the maturing certificate of deposit at the Public Service Credit Union totaling \$227,097.94 for the township's unfunded pension liability. Some board members wanted to wait for the most recent actuarial report to see where Sumpter stands on the liabilities. The state wants at least 80% and most recently Sumpter was 79%;
- Approved on a 6-1 vote, with Trustee Morgan voting no, a motion to finalize specifications, solicit, publish, and accept sealed bids for the replacement of the fairgrounds fencing and

gates. Bids will be opened at 3 p.m., July 8. Trustee Morgan said a very upset Mrs. Hoffman called her to say the township had torn down her fence when it tore down the fairgrounds fencing. It's been five weeks and she wants her fencing fixed now. Bowman said he didn't know that wasn't the township fence and when the contractor asked him he said to tear it down. Finance Director Holtz said because of the cost it needs to go out for bids. Bowman said it was a part of the fencing bids the township is seeking;

- Heard Bowman talk about how the township should buy the 35 acres adjoining the fairgrounds and the half acre owned by former Sumpter Police Chief Brown adjoining the property, as well. He said the township will need to build a new township hall in the future;
- Heard Trustee Morgan say only six or seven people are on the Parks and Recreation Commission and there used to be 15-20 members when they did the festival plus lots of volunteers. She wondered if there would be more festivals. Bowman said he would like to get rid of Parks and Recreation and hire a recreation director and an event coordinator. He said there will be more festivals. Sharon Pokersinski said there are 12 members -- seven alternates and six permanent -- and they are still doing a good job. She said they not only had a problem with COVID, but the with the illnesses of some members, including her and her husband. She said Bowman wants to do away with the commission and that's not going to happen. Bowman said he could do that and she replied that if he does, he won't be reelected;

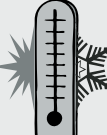
- Heard Pokersinski also say a person came up to speak at the last board meeting two weeks earlier and a board member tore him apart. She said a resident should be allowed to speak to the board without being harassed and have a meeting scheduled with him, not just being called out of order; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban say she was sorry to hear about the death of Mary Sherwood who was a wonderful friend with a brilliant mind and a great supporter of the township. "I will miss her vitality," Ban said. She also said the meeting at the library to get information on the museum was a trick played on the public because of the format of the "meeting." She said it was "an unfortunate dirty trick" played by Van Buren Township. She said one of the questions was to say if you approved of the museum having a "party structure to it" in the old fire hall, now attached to the museum. She said a lot of people were disappointed in the session which was not a meeting.

Sumpter Township calls two special meeting for Thursday, June 23

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman called a special township board meeting for 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23, to consider a maturing certificate of deposit and also payments to MERS (Michigan Employees' Retirement System).

Following that meeting, a special meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. On that agenda is a proposed 4.878-acre pond development at 51150 Arkona Rd. and a large, grid-tied solar array at the NW corner of Haggerty and Wear roads.



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CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 6, 2022 – 6:00 pm

The special meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The special meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Arrived at 6:02 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) FY 2022-23 Budget

1. City Manager Robinson, and Kelly Howey, Plante Moran Finance Specialist, presented City Council with the updated overview of the proposed FY 2022-23 budget.

B) Scheduling of Public Hearing for Budget Approval
1. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6 p.m. to approve the FY 2022-23 budget.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

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City Council

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- Approved accounts payable of \$97,798.22 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to A Design Line, \$520.55 for T-shirts for summer youth workers; to B&R Janitorial, \$698.58 for parks, bathroom, and DDA supplies; to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$4,399 for water leak repair on High Street; to Osborne

Concrete, \$712 for headstone foundations; and to TNT Tree Service, \$850 for cutting of dead tree near roadway at 56 Potter Dr.

Court watching

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on Nov. 17 and was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for a Dec. 6 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Jan. 10 and then a pre-trial for Feb. 22 and reset by the court to April 4. A final conference was set for

April 25, adjourned to May 25 and then to June 8 and June 26. He is charged with assault and child abuse 3rd degree on Sept. 27, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Sierra Arteisha Strebel

Sierra Arteisha Strebel, 34, of Van Buren Township was arraigned by video while in custody at Van Buren Township police department on Nov. 24 on a charge of domestic violence on Nov. 21 in Van

Buren Township. Judge Oakley set her remote pre-trial appearance by zoom for Dec. 8 and that was adjourned until Dec. 22. Conditional personal bond of \$1,000 requires no contact with the victim.

On Dec. 22, the case was dismissed when the complaining victim failed to appear.

“Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn’t.”

Mark Twain

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Case 22-006: A request by applicant Craig Armstrong of Elevatus Architecture on behalf of owner Meijer, Inc. to complete renovations to the existing 232,431 square foot Meijer retail store and gas station site located at 9701 Belleville Road (parcel ID number V-125-83-058-99-0006-705), located on the east side of Belleville Road south of Tyler Road, to construct a drive-thru addition to the store’s pharmacy, a 474-square foot addition to an existing 2,691 square foot gasoline station convenience store, and related building and site improvements. The property is zoned C-2 - Extensive Highway Business District. The drive-thru pharmacy requires a special land use approval under Section 3.104 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, which identifies drive-thru facilities (accessory to any principal use) as a special land use in the C-2 zoning district. A public hearing is required for special land uses under Article 12, Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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1. Section 3.111. C-1, General Business District, sub-section (B) Permitted Uses; move gasoline filling stations to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
2. Section 3.112. C-2, Extensive Highway Business District, making change to C-1 district will automatically move gasoline filling stations from sub-section (B) Permitted Uses to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
3. Section 3.113. FS, Freeway Service District, sub-section (B) Permitted Uses; move gasoline filling stations and gasoline service stations to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
4. Create new Section 5.144. Gasoline or Automobile Filling Stations under Article 5. Development Standards for Specific Uses.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Customer Appreciation Week is coming up July 5-9 at Milton's Pharmacy on Main Street in Downtown Belleville as owner and Pharmacist June Milton will be holding free raffles and giveaways. Stop in during regular business hours which are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Milton's Pharmacy offers easy prescription transfer, free prescription delivery and consultation, pet meds, immunizations and a whole lot more. Give them a like on Facebook, too, and call (734) 391-0190. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper.

Farmer Underwood Trucking at 7401 Rawsonville Road is hiring gravel train drivers and gravel train mechanics with day and night shifts available, offering great benefits, 401 K, and paid vacation. Call (734) 485-1740 or visit their website at www.farmerunderwoodtrucking.com. See their ad in today's paper.

It's open enrollment for the 2022-23 school year at The Early Childhood Center of Van Buren Public Schools, offering tuition infant and toddler care, tuition preschool for 3-4 year-olds, Great Start Readiness Programs, Early Childhood Preschool (ECP) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) classrooms. The facility is brand new and located east of BHS on school grounds. For rates, schedules, and more info, email ECC@vanburenschools.net, and visit www.vanburenschools.net/early-childhood-center. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper and scan the QR Code to take a virtual tour of the new facility.

Today's paper includes a post card size insert featuring a list of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series performers at Horizon Park, which begins this Thursday, June 23, with Kings of Strings. The free concerts start at 7 p.m. with the rain-out location across the street at the Belleville First United Methodist Church. Visit www.musiclakeside.com and www.bacart.org. If your paper doesn't have one, please stop by our office for one.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020.

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"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"
-- Isaac Asimov



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, June 6, 2022 – 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations
1) None
B. Council Follow Up List
1) No comments
C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
1) John Juriga
a) Stated that he is impressed by the clean-up and improvements at the DPW yard.
2) Tom Fielder
a) Stated that the Memorial Day Service was great, and thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt for placing the wreath at the memorial.
3) Mike Renaud
a) Inquired about the status of the demolition of the building attached to City Hall.
4) Sincere Harris
a) Inquired about purchasing a piece of city property located on High St.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of item F, regarding obtaining legal counsel from Foster & Swift.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 16, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Review of Horizon Park Goats

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt asked the city to consider allowing Randy Brown Landscape Inc. to bring goats in once again to clear vegetation along the lake shore at Horizon Park, in reference to the current contract between the landscaping company and the City of Belleville.

B) Revitalization of Pump House by the Belleville Yacht Club.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to accept the Belleville Yacht Club's offer to revitalize the pump house located on N. Liberty.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Budget Public Hearing Date Selection

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to set the 2022-23 FY Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

1. Millage Rate
a. Discussion of the millage rate for 2022.
2. Public Safety Special Assessment Rate

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve a proposed special assessment rate increase of 2 mills for public safety.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D) Resolution #22-043 – Approval of Millage Rate for 2022

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to establish the 2022 tax millage rate of 15.9353, incorporating the Headlee rollback, as provided by Wayne County.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

E) Summer Youth Employment Program Funding

Approval

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to accept a grant of \$40,000 from the Wayne County Mental Health Department for the purpose of hiring youth employees for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

F) Legal Counsel from Foster Swift Collins and Smith P.C.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to hire Foster Swift Collins and Smith P.C. as legal counsel to provide expertise regarding the city's marijuana ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-044** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson state that Robbie DeYoung from the Belleville Fire Department was able to locate, apply for, and awarded a grant through Beaumont Wayne to obtain three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Police Department to be used in the patrol vehicles.

• Mentioned that the city is working with the Downtown Development Authority to replace a broken piece of plexiglass on one of the tube slides at Victory Park.

• Noted that the Department of Public Works' downtown revitalization crew members have passed their physical exams and have completed orientation.

• Stated that the floating docks at Horizon Park were placed in the water today.

• Noted that ordinance enforcement within the city is going to be stepping up.

• Mentioned that an individual from the 34th District Court Work Program trimmed overgrown brush in the alleyway running from 3rd street to 4th street.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Thanked everyone that was present at the

meeting

-- Thanked the Belleville Yacht Club for their efforts to help revitalize the city.

-- Stated she is glad that the Summer Youth Program is back.

-- Wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

• Council Member Henry

-- No Comments

• Council Member Jones

-- Noted that the Van Buren Public Schools will commence summer vacation this week, with the students having a half day on Thursday and Friday.

-- Mentioned that two of the three lights on the "Welcome to Belleville" sign are out.

-- Inquired if the road patching on Church St. would be repaired.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Thanked the Rotary Club for their continued work on the gazebo in Victory Park.

-- Stated that the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial went well.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley congratulated the Belleville High School Class of 2022 graduates, and said that the graduation ceremony was very nice.

• Mentioned that there will be a fundraiser on Friday at the Belleville Yacht Club for local resident, Harper Mathis, who has Neuroblastoma. Admission is \$20.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Brian Loranger

-- Mentioned that the Belleville High School girls' soccer team won districts.

• John Juriga

-- Noted that the stop sign in the crosswalk between Egan's and the Belleville Area Museum needs to be replaced.

• Mike Renaud

-- Thanked the city for a quick response regarding grass cutting and weed removal.

• Tom Fielder

-- Stated that he attended a meeting regarding the Belleville Area Museum's recent survey, and inquired as to whether any meetings for the tri-community have been scheduled.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• Public Comment on Sanitation Fees

• Resolution for National Police Week

• Resolution for Public Service week

• Bora Dora District

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 253 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, June 12:

0053 – narcotics crime, Vernon St.
0103 – noise complaint, Sandlewood Dr.
0201 – welfare check, Sandlewood Dr.
0254 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln.
0602 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Beck
0842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0959 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.
1250 – 911 welfare check, Hamlin St.
1257 – assist other dept., Rustic Ln. E.
1344 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1349 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1512 – fraud, Maple Dr.
1625 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1629 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1647 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
1705 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1709 – civil matter, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1721 – traffic offense, Firecracker Island
1742 – traffic offense, Firecracker Island
1752 – traffic offense, Northshore
1832 – civil matter, Van Buren St.
1836 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1945 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
1944 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2017 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
2130 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2201 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood
2206 – welfare check, Riggs Rd.
2216 – noise complaint, Montague/Roulo
2322 – civil matter, Denton Rd.

Monday, June 13:

0031 – overdose, Richard Run Dr.
0741 – noise complaint, Justine St.
0828 – breaking & entering, Beckley Rd.
0833 – fraud, Stamford Rd.
0839 – trespassing, Independence Ln.
0918 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
1006 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
1033 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1050 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Quirk Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1058 – prisoner transport, Tyler Rd.
1125 – neighbor trouble, Renton Rd.
1138 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1304 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1403 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1456 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1509 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
1634 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.
1702 – follow up by officer, Vernon St.
1705 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1705 – trespassing, Water’s Edge Ln./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1854 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1910 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1940 – indecent exposure, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1944 – civil matter, McBride Ave.
2128 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

2350 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

Tuesday, June 14:

0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd./Lily
0102 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0150 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0240 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bentley Dr.
0623 – unattended death, Maple Dr.
0738 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
0752 – misc. complaint, Salem Ct.
0933 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1113 – vehicle lockout, Brandi Dr.
1132 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1354 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1358 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
1405 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1414 – vehicle lockout, Martz Rd.
1512 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1538 – abandoned auto, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1622 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

1624 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1758 – welfare check, Westlake
1906 – missing person, Maple Dr.
2040 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2135 – noise complaint, Beckley Rd.
2152 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
2222 – 911 welfare check, Quirk Rd.
2246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2353 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./W. I-94

Wednesday, June 15:

0033 – traffic offense, E. I-94 Belleville ramp / Belleville Rd.
0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0855 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Chatsworth Dr.
0915 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
0941 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1021 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1022 – welfare check, W. Walden Dr.
1025 – court detail, Tyler Rd.
1043 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1159 – 911 welfare check, Ash Dr.
1206 – civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.
1214 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1255 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1324 – threat, Martz Rd.
1326 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1355 – private property impound, Pinewood Ln.
1436 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
1441 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1457 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1457 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1516 – ordinance violation, Van Buren St.
1537 – follow up by officer, W. Walden Dr.
1629 – animal complaint, Marlowe Ave./Ecorse
1840 – animal complaint, Belleville/Van Born
1908 – larceny from auto, Cedarhurst Dr.
2052 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2056 – neighbor trouble, Anna Dr.
2235 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, June 16:

0008 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0058 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0615 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0825 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
0851 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0938 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1005 – civil matter, McKinley St.
1106 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1125 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1144 – animal complaint, Thornwood Dr.
1221 – assist other dept., Belle Villa
1224 – vehicle lockout, Robson Rd.
1247 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1355 – civil matter, Martz Rd.
1732 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor Rd.
1843 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2243 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2311 – domestic, S. I-94 Service DR.

Friday, June 17:

0002 – suicidal person, Brandi Dr.
0051 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0712 – welfare check, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
0856 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0925 – neighbor trouble, Red Oak Dr.
0926 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1019 – 911 welfare check, Lake Point Pass
1047 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1150 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1333 – family trouble, McKinley St.
1340 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Ln.
1409 – assist fire dept., Maple Dr.
1422 – parking complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1506 – private property/property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1502 – 911 welfare check, Beck Rd./North Shore
1632 – assist other dept., Ecorse/I-275
1641 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1714 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd.
1746 – family trouble, Briarcliff Dr.
1810 – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Tyler Rd.
1910 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1935 – civil matter, Capitol Dr.
1945 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1947 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

2156 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2239 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
2251 – domestic, Martz Rd.
2320 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.
2331 – property damage accident, Martz Rd.
Saturday, June 18:
0051 – welfare check, Beacon Trl.
0102 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0118 – assist other dept., Burtrig St.
0135 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0818 – civil matter, Beacon Trl.
0855 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
0905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1039 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1209 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury
1219 – animal complaint, Hampton Dr.

1331 – vehicle lockout, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
1343 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1449 – trespassing, Martz Rd.
1546 – parking complaint, Walden Blvd./Tyler Rd.
1744 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1832 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave.
1910 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.
1927 – larceny from auto, Ash Dr.
1935 – missing person, Harmony Ln.
2001 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
2122 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr. / Stamford Rd.
2303 – vehicle lockout, Lighthouse Dr.
2320 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 45 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 12:

0152 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0229 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0500 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Carmell St.
2157 – traffic stop, South St.
Monday, June 13:
0039 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0747 – follow up by officer, E. Huron River Dr.
1054 – larceny, N. Edgemont Ave.
1246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anaheim St.
1442 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1526 – fraud, Charles St.
1617 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1851 – welfare check, Church St.
1903 – welfare check, Church St.

Tuesday, June 14:

0140 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1023 – unattended death, Menlo Park Dr.
1034 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
1304 – traffic stop, Wexford Ave./E. Huron River
1434 – traffic stop, Gene & Sons
1630 – 911 welfare check, Main St.
1701 – found property/child, Main St.
2016 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
2029 – Pbt, Main St.
2044 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
2101 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2135 – traffic stop, High St./Roys St.
2241 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, June 15:

1554 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1555 – assist fire dept., Fifth St.
1826 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
1848 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1909 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1957 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, June 16:

0527 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
0731 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Second St.
0856 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1004 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1141 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
2050 – animal complaint, Main St.
2137 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2222 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, June 17:

0714 – threat, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.

1057 – sexual assault, Church St.
1405 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
1416 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
1426 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Harbour Pointe
1559 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1625 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave.
1638 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1649 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave.
1655 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1707 – personal injury accident, Main St.
1826 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1936 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2103 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St./Main
2234 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
2312 – traffic stop, High St.

Saturday, June 18:

0020 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0231 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0418 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1439 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1612 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.
2011 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2124 – welfare check, E. Thornhill Ct.
2155 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
2218 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
There were 26 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 12:

0957 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1134 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1206 – family trouble, Vermont St.
1252 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1320 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1428 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1845 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2337 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

Monday, June 13:

0423 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0640 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0854 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0901 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1009 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1218 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1331 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
1448 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1512 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1628 – civil matter, Texas St.
1703 – animal complaint, Wear Rd./Martinsville
1755 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1907 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1954 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2109 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, June 14:

0109 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
0114 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0346 – welfare check, Dunn Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0633 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0855 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.
1024 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Rawsonville
1049 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell
1142 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Savage
1257 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1324 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1413 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1553 – damage to property, Mulberry Dr.
1821 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
1858 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
2215 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
2308 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Sharon Ct.

Wednesday, June 15:

0048 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
0123 – juvenile complaint, Willow/Rawsonville
0139 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
0222 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr./Rustic Ln.
0235 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0954 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1018 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1033 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1037 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

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MOVIE IN THE PARK

FEATURING:



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Rated: PG

WHEN:
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1202 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1336 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1427 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1427 – suspicious person, Mulberry/Martinsville
1859 – animal bite, Hampshire Dr.
1934 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2232 – welfare check, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
2322 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, June 16:
0412 – suspicious person, Birch Dr.
1051 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1659 – harassment complaint, Brookview Dr.
1847 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1930 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
2235 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2315 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
2341 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Friday, June 17:
0631 – larceny complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0726 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0942 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1036 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Willis
1324 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1500 – civil matter, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1510 – ID theft, Nevada St.
1522 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1650 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1805 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Wear Rd.
1934 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1958 – ORV complaint, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2001 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2046 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2101 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2130 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2330 – family trouble, California St.

Saturday, June 18:
0039 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0507 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0814 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
0949 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1133 – civil matter, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1255 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1717 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1916 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1951 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2012 – ORV complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2137 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Harris
2219 – citizen assist, Timberlane Dr.
2242 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Also on this week's log are 139 patrol checks, 60 traffic stops, and 16 misc. details.

Wind helps fire destroy home on Burtrig in VBT on Saturday morning

Twenty-mile-per-hour winds blew a fire through a home on Burtrig Drive in Van Buren Township at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, destroying the building.

VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally said the fire started on the back deck and no cause had been determined as of Tuesday. He said the winds blew the fire through the house and it was fully engulfed, with fire in all of the rooms, when the fire department arrived. He said it was a defensive fire and there was a hydrant in front of the house which helped.

He said the female stayed in the house longer than she should have and suffered smoke inhalation while trying to round up her cats. Chief McNally said three cats perished in the blaze. Huron Valley Ambulance transported the woman to the hospital for evaluation and she was released the next day.

He said the male tried to enter the house to save the animals but was unable to get past the flames.

Helping Van Buren Township fight the fire were fire fighters and equipment from the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, City of Romulus and Ypsilanti Township. Chief McNally said Van Buren arrived at the scene at 1:36 a.m. and left at 6 a.m.

On Tuesday morning around 10, VBT fire fighters were called to the 9500 block of Rolan Meadows after an electrical transformer popped, fell down, and was arcing and caused a grass fire. Fire fighters got the fire extinguished and left DTE on the scene to fix the electrical system.



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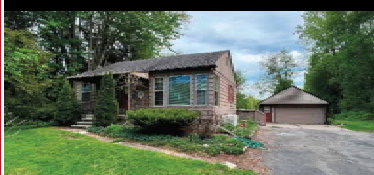
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